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DEPARTMENT PLEASE PASS UN SECURITY COUNCIL COLLECTIVE

E.O.12356: DECL: OADR  
 TAGS: UNSC, PBTS, IS, JO, US, XF  
 SUBJECT: LEGISLATION AFFECTING ISRAELI CITIZENS AND  
 - LAND IN THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES

REF: (A) USUN 0052, (B) TEL AVIV 00456

1. C - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. MAY WE ADD OUR VOICE TO AMBASSADOR LICHENSTEIN'S  
 REQUEST FOR EXPEDITIOUS LEGAL ANALYSIS BY THE  
 DEPARTMENT OF THE PROPOSED ISRAELI LEGISLATION  
 AFFECTING ISRAELI CITIZENS IN THE OCCUPIED  
 TERRITORIES (REF A).

3. EMBASSY TEL AVIV'S PROPOSED RESPONSE TO  
 EGYPTIAN FOREIGN MINISTER ALI (REF B) IS FINE SO  
 FAR AS IT GOES. BUT WE SUGGEST THE PRIMARY POINT  
 AT ISSUE IS WHETHER THE LEGISLATION CONTRAVENES  
 ISRAEL'S OBLIGATIONS AS AN OCCUPYING POWER UNDER  
 THE FOURTH GENEVA CONVENTION. THE GOI'S BLAND  
 ASSURANCES THAT THE LEGISLATION REPRESENTS  
 NOTHING MORE THAN AN ATTEMPT TO DEAL PRAGMATICALLY  
 WITH PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED WITH THE GROWING NUMBER  
 OF ISRAELIS RESIDENT OR DOING BUSINESS IN THE  
 OCCUPIED TERRITORIES SOUNDS BEGUILINGLY REASONABLE.  
 BUT "PRAGMATIC" ISRAELI APPROACHES TO THE PROBLEMS  
 ASSOCIATED WITH CONTINUED OCCUPATION OF THE TERRITORIES  
 OVER THE YEARS HAVE NOT INFREQUENTLY RESULTED IN THE  
 CEMENTING IN PLACE OF "LEGAL" REGIMES THAT ARE  
 NEITHER LEGAL IN THE CONTEXT OF THE APPLICABLE  
 GENEVA CONVENTIONS NOR CONSONANT WITH IMPROVING  
 PROSPECTS FOR LOOSENING THE ISRAELI GRIP ON THE  
 WEST BANK AND GAZA.

4. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT KING HUSSEIN EXPRESSED

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SERIOUS CONCERN OVER THESE PROSPECTIVE ISRAELI  
LEGISLATIVE MOVES IN SEPARATE MEETINGS DURING  
THE WEEKEND WITH CODEL MCHUGH AND CODEL TOWER.  
HE HAS TOLD ME PRIVATELY THAT HE HAS TASKED THE  
FOREIGN MINISTRY WITH PROVIDING AN ANALYSIS OF THE  
LEGAL IMPLICATIONS OF THE PROPOSED LEGISLATION.  
DEPENDENT ON THE NATURE OF THE LAWYERS' DETERMINATION,  
THE KING HAS INDICATED HE INTENDS TO CONTACT THE  
PRESIDENT ON THE ISSUE. ALL THE MORE REASON TO  
HASTEN WITH OUR OWN LEGAL EVALUATION. VIETS  
END OF MESSAGE

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